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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Recommendations for Award of the
National Security Medal:

[Redacted box]

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1. The Honor and Merit Awards Board of this Agency has carefully reviewed the recommendations referred to above. The Board informs me that the services of both officers, while commendable, do not appear to be commensurate with the standards of distinguished achievement or outstanding contribution in the field of intelligence relating to the national security required for award of the National Security Medal. Favorable action, therefore, cannot be recommended.

2. Basic correspondence is returned as requested by Mr. Roy K. Davenport, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army, in his memorandum of 24 December 1964.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

JOHN A. McCONE
Director

HMAB [Redacted box] (5 Feb 65)

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18 September 1964

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Mr. Bromley Smith
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Dear Bromley,

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Thanks very much for taking the time at such short notice to see [redacted] He told me over the phone that he had had a good discussion with you and was very appreciative of your assistance. I particularly want to thank you for crowding him in on your very busy schedule and to let you know that we appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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16 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Michael V. Forrestal
Senior Staff Member of the
National Security Council

The attached "Eyes Only" memorandum is forwarded to you with the request from Mr. McCone that it be brought to your personal attention.

Your office will be kept advised of any further developments in this matter.

(S)


Executive Assistant

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Attachment

copy to: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

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13 January 1964

Mr. John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. McCone:

The Net Evaluation Subcommittee Staff, augmented by a group under [redacted] of your Agency, has recently submitted its report on a study undertaken for an Inter-Agency Panel chaired by Mr. W. W. Rostow, Counselor and Chairman, Policy Planning Council, Department of State.

It is with pleasure that I forward a copy of a letter received from Mr. Rostow, expressing his appreciation for the study.

While the report is the result of the combined efforts of the entire staff, the contribution of [] in its preparation was particularly outstanding in that he acted as the study director and actually did the editing and assembling of the final report.

I am most grateful to you for making available to this Committee such highly qualified individuals as [REDACTED] and the members of his group. I am writing letters of appreciation to each one of them which I am forwarding separately through you for your information.

Sincerely yours,

LEON W. JOHNSON
General, USAF
Director

Enclosure:

Letter from Mr. W. W. Rostow, dated 18 December 1963

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Counselor and Chairman

Policy Planning Council

Washington

December 18, 1963

Dear General Johnson:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your work and that of your staff on the study which has just been completed. You have the misfortune of having no peers; neither I nor anyone can really qualify to sit in judgment on your work, for there is no one who can pretend to have so thoroughly explored the terrain you have mapped out in your report. Before you, no one, either in or out of the Government, had ever examined in such detail the hard alternatives that might arise at major decision points in nuclear war.

I can say that I know of no other study which has so realistically presented the military and political factors which may shape wartime decisions and I have never read a document which so vividly has illustrated that a nuclear war is a national matter, in which rigid divisions of governmental responsibilities can have no place.

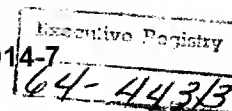
You have performed a service which will help all of us in Government to see farther than our vision has heretofore extended. For this I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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W. W. Rostow

General Leon W. Johnson,
Director, Net Evaluation Subcommittee,
(OJCS),
Room 2E844, Pentagon Building.



NET EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
Room 2E 845, The Pentagon
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14 January 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation
THRU: Director of Central Intelligence
TO: Mr. [REDACTED]
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2. Upon completion of your work with this Committee, I wish to express my own appreciation to you for your participation in this effort. Your knowledge, industry and teamwork have been noteworthy, and your ability to analyze complex problems clearly and to express your views, both orally and in writing, in a concise, convincing manner has been outstanding. As a result, you have made a positive contribution to the development of a report of timely significance to national security matters.

3. You have every reason to take pride in a job well done.

LEON W. JOHNSON
General, USAF
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Enclosure:
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2. May I add my own appreciation to you for your contribution to this study. The report is of timely significance to national security matters, and I am greatly encouraged by the manner in which it has been received.

3. You have every reason to take pride in a job well done.

4. A copy of this correspondence will be incorporated in your official personnel file.

LEON W. JOHNSON
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